

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 4, 7, 12, 17, 19, 21-31, 34, 35, 39, 43, 50-53, 56, 70, 73-75, and 79-81 are pending in the present application. Claims 31 and 39 are amended and Claim 65 is canceled without prejudice by the present amendment.

In the Advisory Action, Claims 1, 4, 7, 12, 17, 19, 21-30, 53, 56, 70, 73-75, and 79-81 were allowed and Claims 31, 34, 35, 39, 43, 50-52, and 65 were rejected because independent Claims 31 and 39 recite novel features in the preamble instead of the body of the claims and Claim 65 does not recite those novel features.

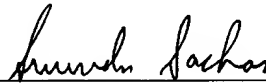
Applicants thank Examiner Pardo for the indication of allowable subject matter and for the courtesy of a telephone discussion with the Applicants' representative on July 27, 2004. During the discussion Examiner Pardo suggested amending independent Claims 31 and 39 to move the novel features from the preamble to the body of the claims and canceling independent Claim 65 to place this application in condition for allowance.

In view of that indication, independent Claims 31 and 39 are amended as suggested by Examiner Pardo and independent Claim 65 is cancelled.

Consequently, in light of the above discussion and in view of the present amendment, the present application is believed to be in condition for allowance and an early and favorable action to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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